

MEDUSA NAVICULA.



CHARACTER GENERICUS.

*Corpus gelatinosum, orbiculatum, depresso.
Os subtus, centrale.*

Lin. Syst. Nat. p. 1096.

CHARACTER SPECIFICUS, &c.

MEDUSA ovalis cærulea, oblique cristata, crista bipartita, subtus tentaculis numerosissimis.

HOLOTHURIA spirans.

Lin. Syst. Nat. Gmel. p. 3143.

Forsh. Fn. Æg. Arab. p. 104. n. 15.

Pulcherrimum animal in tabula depictum in mari Mediterraneo frequentissime conspicitur, super aquas, more Medusæ Vellelæ, cui admodum affine est, ve- lificans. Veram ejus magnitudinem cernere est in tabula.

THE
SKIFF MEDUSA.



GENERIC CHARACTER.

Body gelatinous, orbicular, commonly depressed.
Mouth central, beneath.

SPECIFIC CHARACTER.

OVAL BLUE MEDUSA, with oblique, divided crest, and very numerous tentacula beneath.

The beautiful animal here figured is very frequently observed in the Mediterranean sea, sailing on the surface of the water in the manner of the Medusa Velella, to which it is extremely nearly allied: it is represented in its natural size.

